

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 7-8 to put the case in condition for allowance.

Examiner rejected claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatenable over Kochanski, U.S. Patent 5,512,934.

Applicant has cancelled claims 7-8 without prejudice to Applicant's filing a continuation application.

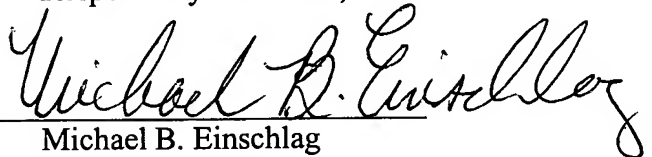
Examiner stated:

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-14 are allowed, because the prior art does not disclose all the specific elements recited in claim 9. In particular, elements involving the "leader duration determiner", "leader streamer", "leader re-broadcast interval" and "leader multicaster" are not anticipated in the prior art taken with all the other limitations. While the overall system has analogous prior art, including Kochanski and Zetts as cited above, the details of the method render claim 9 allowable. Claims 10-14 are allowed because they depend from claim 9.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that all remaining claims are allowable. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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